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FOR: USIA FOR IOP/G THURBER, STATE FOR AF/W WEINLAND, S/S WISNER, WHITE HOUSE FOR LIEBACH $\,$

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SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL VISIT: MEDIA ACCREDITATION

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1. HAVE HELD DISCUSSIONS THIS DATE WITH MININFO OFFICIALS WHO RESPONSIBLE FOR ACCREDITATION. THEY HAVE PRODUCED ACCREDITATION CARDS FOR TRAVELING PRESS WHICH WILL BE LAMINATED. THIS CARD WILL REQUIRE NO PERSONAL INFORMATION AND SHOULD BE WORN OPENLY BY TRAVELING PRESS IN ADDITION TO WHITE HOURSE CREDENTIAL. WE ASSUME THAT WHITE HOUSE CREDENTIAL IS ALSO LAMINATED CARD WHICH IS ATTACHED TO CHAIN WORN AROUND NECK. WE WOULD APPRECIATE IMMEDIATE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF FORM OF WHITE HOUSE CREDENTIAL. THESE TWO CREDENTIALS WILL THEN AUTHORIZE HOLDERS ACCESS TO ALL MEDIA EVENTS DURING PRESIDENTIAL VISIT.

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- 2. FOR POOL REPS WE SUGGESTED THAT FMG OVERPRINT NIGERIAN CREDENTIAL WITH WORD P-O-O-L TO IDENTIFY THOSE SO-DESIGNATED IN ORDER TO ALLOW THEM SPECIAL ACCESS.
- 3. MININFO OFFICIALS ESTIMATE THAT CREDENTIALS WILL BE PREPARED BY EARLY WEEK OF MARCH 13 AND TURNED OVER TO MEA OFFICE. WE HAVE UNDERSTANDING WITH MEA THAT

THEY WILL THEN TURN OVER CREDENTIALS TO US AND WE IN TURN WILL GIVE THEM TO WHITE HOURSE PRESS PRE-ADVANCE MEMBER FOR RETURN TO WASHING(ON.

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- 4. WAIVER OF USUAL CREDENTIALING PROCEDURES BASED ON FACT THAT WHITE HOUSE CREDNTIALS ARE ISSUED AS A CONSEQUENCE OF SECRET SERVICE SECURITY CHECK.
- 5. AMB MUSA HAS INDICATED THAT DEPARTMENT SHOULD FORWARD COMPLETE LIST OF ALL TRAVELING PRESS AND THEIR PASSPORTS TO NIGERIAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON. VISAS WILL BE ISSUED IMMEDIATELY. AIRPORT VISAS SHOULD NOT REPEAT NOT BE EXPECTED FOR MEDIA REPS.
- 6. HAVE DISCUSSED OUR POOL REQUIREMENTS WITH MININFO OFFICIALS AND HAVE TENTATIVELY ESTIMATED NUMBER IN AMERICAN POOL AT 35. THESE ARRANGEMENTS, OF COURSE, WILL BE FINALIZED DURING PRE-ADVANCE VISIT:
- 7. ALL NON-TRAVELING AMERICAN MEDIA REPS WILL HAVE TO PROCESS FOR ACCREDITATION IN USUAL FASHION. THEY WILL BE REQUIRED TO APPEAR PERSONALLY AT MININFO ACCREDITATION OFFICE WHERE PHOTOGRAPH WILL BE TAKEN, CREDENTIAL PREPARED AND ISSUED ON THE SPOT.

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